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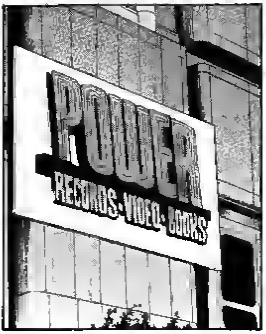

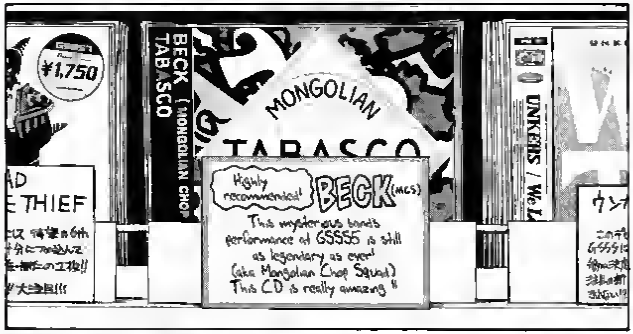

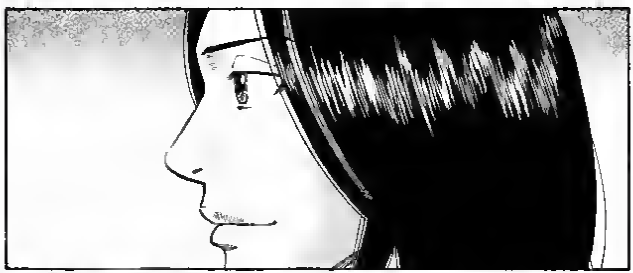

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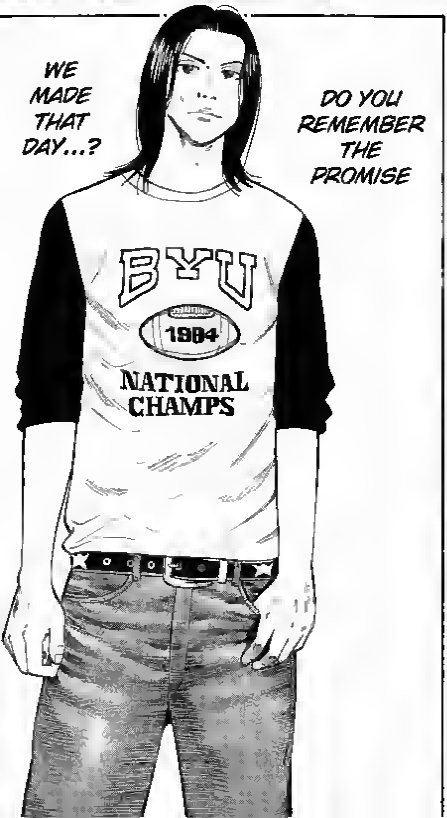
THIS MIGHT BE THE BEST LINEUP THEY'VE EVER HAD.
ARE YOU SERI-OUS ?!
HEY, DID YOU KNOW DYING BREED IS PLAYING AT THIS YEAR'S GREATFUL SOUND?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DO YOU REMEMBER THE PROMISE
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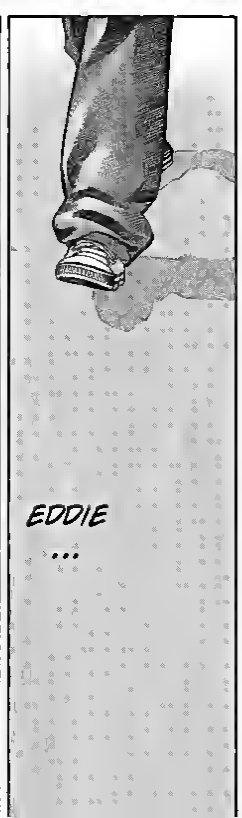
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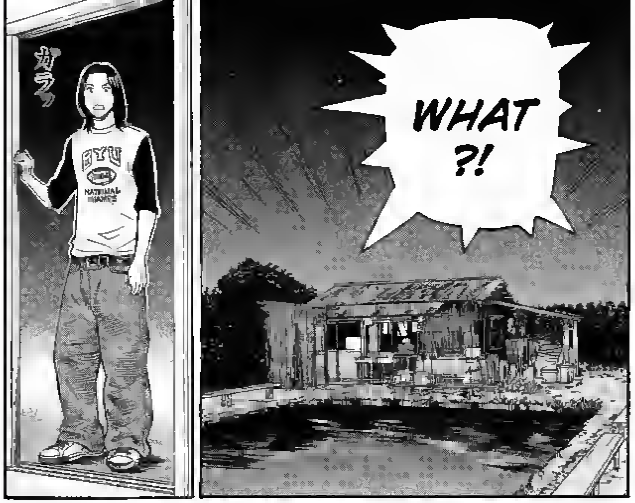
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WHAT ?!

T-THAT'S INSANE !!
ARE YOU SERIOUS ?!

WHAT'S GOING ON?
OH, RYU-SUKE-KUN.

AND HE PLAYED ME A BRAND NEW SONG ON HIS ACOUSTIC GUITAR!!
E-EDDIE CALLED ...
YOU MEAN WHILE I WAS DOING THAT SHIFT AT THE MINI-MART FOR THAT LADY WHO CALLED IN SICK?
I POPPED THE TIRE ON MY BIKE, ON THE WAY TO WORK,
IT WAS SUCH A COINCI-DENCE.
SO I WAS GOING TO LEAVE IT HERE AND FIX IT UP LATER...
WHATEVER, JUST LET US HEAR THE NEW DYING BREED SONG!
we'll record it fast as a Beck song
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CAUSE I DON'T KNOW ENGLISH ...
AND "DEVIL'S WAY" WAS THE ONLY PART OF THE LYRICS I UNDERSTOOD ...
IT WASN'T REALLY A SONG ...
SO MUCH AS JUST A LITTLE MUSICAL PHRASE.
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NAH, NEVER-MIND.

BUT IF I TRIED TO SING IT, IT WOULD TOTALLY RUIN THE SONG...
QUIT DICKIN' US AROUND, MAN!!

THEIR NEW ALBUM COMING OUT NEXT MONTH ?!
SO WHEN ARE WE GONNA HEAR THE NEW SONG ?!
"DEVIL'S WAY"...
IF WE'RE LUCKY, THEY MIGHT PLAY IT AT GREATFUL SOUND.
NO, THAT WOULD BE IMPOS-SIBLE.

SATOU-SAN MUST BE PRETTY HAPPY RIGHT NOW.
THE TICKET SALES ARE PROBABLY GOING WAY UP, NOW THAT DYING BREED'S BEEN CONFIRMED.
UM, YEAH ...
IS MAHO COMING TO SEE US?
SHE'S REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO IT.
SHE'LL BE IN JAPAN UNTIL THE LAST WEEK OF AUGUST ...

HMMM ...
EVEN WHEN YOU HAVE A GIRL AS STUBBORN AND CRAZY AS SHE IS... ONCE YOU KNOW SHE'S GONNA BE LEAVING ...
IT KINDA SUCKS ...
LET'S PUT ON AN AWESOME PERFOR-MANCE!
TO FINISH UP THIS SUMMER.

YEAH, BUT IT WAS REALLY SHORT.
HE CALLED IT "DEVIL'S WAY."

ARE YOU SERIOUS ?!

EDDIE PLAYED YOU...
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A BRAND NEW SONG ...

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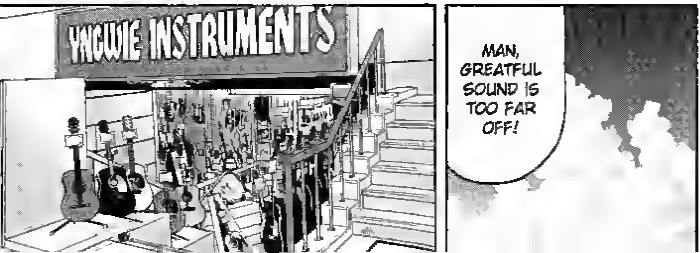
IN-SANE.

THAT'S FREAKIN' INSANE !!
TENZAN

LIKE, WHY CAN'T I SPEAK ENGLISH ...
IT WAS PRETTY SAD IN A WAY, THOUGH.

WHAT'S YOUR DEAL
YEAH, WELL I WANNA TALK WITH EDDIE TOO !!
I WANNA BE ABLE TO TALK WITH EDDIE!!
TEACH ME ENGLISH, MAHO.


YNGWIE INSTRUMENTS
MAN, GREATFUL SOUND IS TOO FAR OFF!

IT TOOK EXTRA TIME TO GET YOUR SG FIXED UP.
SORRY, LITTLE DUDE!!
THE CRAZY TRAINS ?!
REALLY ?!
WE ACTUALLY JUST GOT AN OFFER FROM A MAJOR LABEL...
I'M REAL BUSY WITH THE BAND RIGHT NOW.
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IT FEELS NICE ...

WHAT DO YOU THINK ?
THIS IS PERFECT!
IT'S AMAZING, TAKANO-SAN.
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ISN'T IT?!
I PUT EXTRA EFFORT INTO IT TO MAKE SURE YOU HAD IT FOR GREATFUL SOUND!
ai ai right?
YOU GUYS EXCITED ?
YEAH, I'M JUST ON MY WAY TO THE PRACTICE STUDIO.

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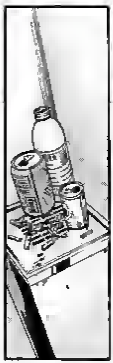
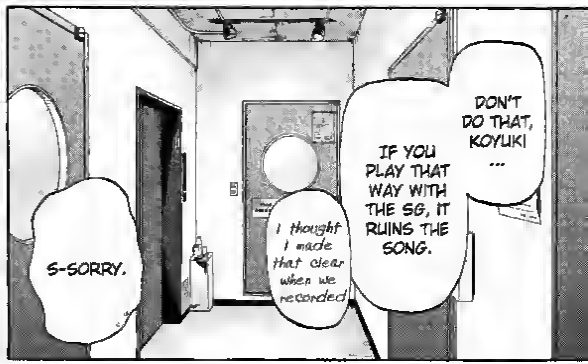
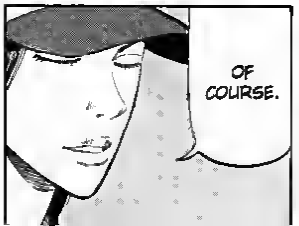



S-SORRY.
I thought I made that clear when we recorded.
IF YOU PLAY THAT WAY WITH THE SG, IT RUINS THE SONG.
DON'T DO THAT, KOYUKI ...


OF COURSE.

YOU GUYS ARE REALLY GETTING INTO IT.

IT'S ALWAYS BEEN YOUR DREAM.
TO STAND ON THE SAME STAGE AS EDDIE.
I HAD A LITTLE ARGUMENT WITH EDDIE LAST TIME I TALKED TO HIM ON THE PHONE.
I THINK THAT EDDIE COMPLETELY FORGOT ABOUT OUR PROMISE ...
DYING BREED'S PLAYING GREATFUL SOUND, BUT SOMETHING JUST DIDN'T SEEM RIGHT ...

EDDIE'S IN THE DYING BREED, A BAND KNOWN ALL OVER THE WORLD.
WE'RE A TOTALLY UNKNOWN UNDER-GROUND JAPANESE BAND.
IT FIGURES.
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WAS TO LET YOU KNOW THEY WERE PLAYING GSSS!
THAT PHONE CALL FROM EDDIE THAT KOYUKI PICKED UP...

I WON'T BE ABLE TO CALL EDDIE UNTIL NEXT WEEK.
MY BOSS AT THE STORE IS BEING A HARDASS LATELY.

JIM WALSH DIRECTING A PROMO VIDEO FOR BELLE AME? THAT'S GREAT, EIJI!!
NICE IDEA!!
HE'S CLEARLY GOING TO BE HUGE IN THE FUTURE.
NOW MIGHT BE THE BEST TIME TO ACT.
OKAY THEN, I'LL PUT TOGETHER PLANS FOR A REQUEST.
he'll need huge guarantees...
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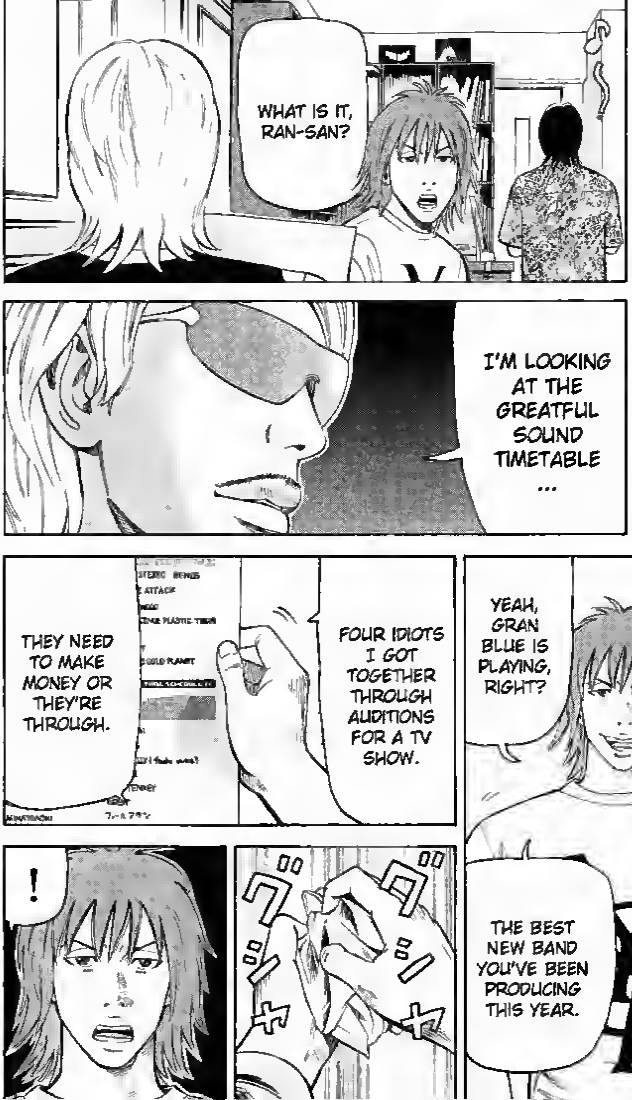
WHAT IS IT, RAN-SAN?
I'M LOOKING AT THE GREATFUL SOUND TIMETABLE ...
THEY NEED TO MAKE MONEY OR THEY'RE THROUGH.
FOUR IDIOTS I GOT TOGETHER THROUGH AUDITIONS FOR A TV SHOW.
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YEAH, GRAN BLUE IS PLAYING, RIGHT?
THE BEST NEW BAND YOU'VE BEEN PRODUCING THIS YEAR.
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CALL THE PEOPLE IN CHARGE OF GREATFUL SOUND.
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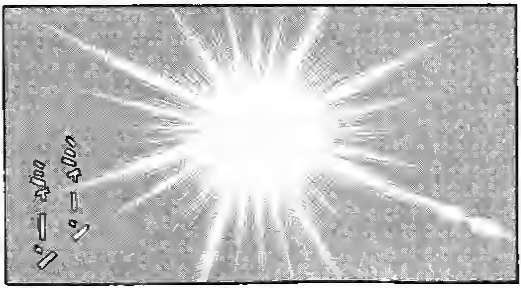
HEY!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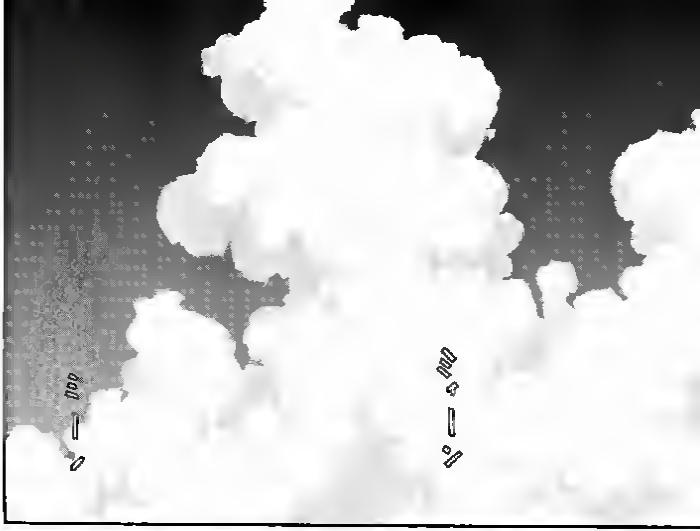
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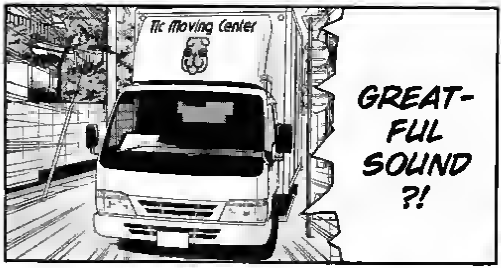
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GREAT-FUL SOUND ?!

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IT'S ON THE SECOND DAY. 2:10 PM, AUGUST 21ST !!
ON THE SECOND STAGE...

OH, WE HAVE A SHOW TOMORROW. YOU CAN COME TO THAT.
I'll put you on the guest list
this year's gonna be awe-some
WOWWW, I WANNA COME SEE YOU PLAY ...
BUT... I DON'T HAVE THE MONEY.
YEAH, I'LL GO !!
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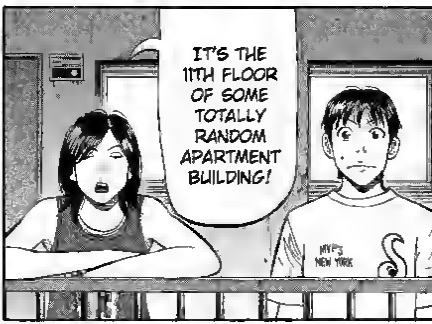
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!
ARE YOU ANGRY ?

I FOUND IT DURING WORK TODAY.


IT'S THE 11TH FLOOR OF SOME TOTALLY RANDOM APARTMENT BUILDING!

ISN'T THE VIEW OF THE CITY AT NIGHT BEAUTIFUL?
WELL, YEAH, BUT...
IT'S KINDA HARD TO GET IN THE MOOD, WATCHING FROM A RUN-DOWN 38-YEAR OLD APARTMENT BUILDING.
AT FIRST THERE WAS ACTUALLY EFFORT GOING INTO OUR DATES,
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SO WHY DOES IT SEEM LIKE THINGS ARE SO HALF-ASSED LATELY?
UH... I'M SORRY.
I don't have money
MELANIE'S IN KOBUCHIZAWA WITH HER FAMILY,
HYOJU'S ON A DATE WITH HER BOYFRIEND IN HIS LOTUS...
AND I'M HERE, IN AN APARTMENT THAT REEKS OF PISS, GETTING BITTEN BY INSECTS.
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AH... WAIT...
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MVP'S NEW YORK

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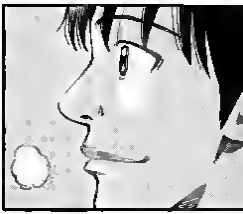
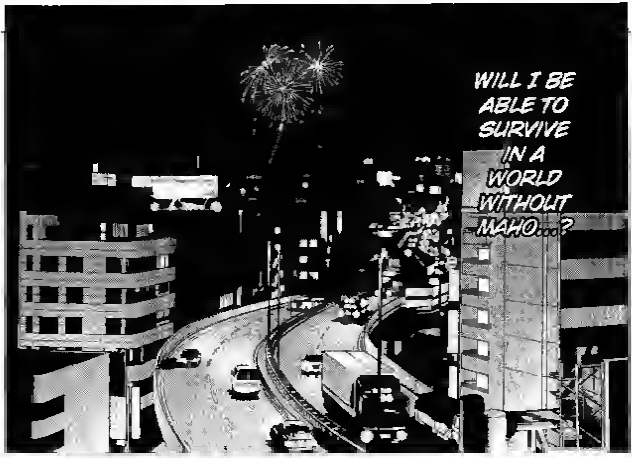
FIRE-WORKS !!
WOW, COOL !!
UHH...
YES...
DID YOU WANT TO SHOW ME THIS?!
WE'RE LUCKY.
SHEESH
YOU DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT IT.

THAT WAS FAST... IT'S ALREADY SUMMER.
WHEN AUTUMN COMES AROUND ...

IT'S SO PRETTY ...

MAHO WILL BE... IN LONDON ...




WILL I BE ABLE TO SURVIVE IN A WORLD WITHOUT MAHO...?

WILL YOU STOP THAT?
YOU ALWAYS LOOK SOOO DEPRESSED.
I HAVE TO COPE WITH THIS STUFF EVERYDAY, TOO.
IF I DIDN'T,
I'D BE STANDING IN THIS RUN-DOWN, URINE-STAINED APARTMENT ...
BAWLING MY EYES OUT,
SOBBING, RUNNY NOSE, YELLING,
HOLDING ONTO YOU...

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U-UM ...
I WOULDN'T MIND...
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I WANT TO BURN THIS MEMORY
INTO MY MIND ...

"MAHO'S SECRET" ...
IS THAT... SHE IS ACTUALLY EASILY MOVED TO TEARS...

FORGIVE ME FOR BEING LATE.
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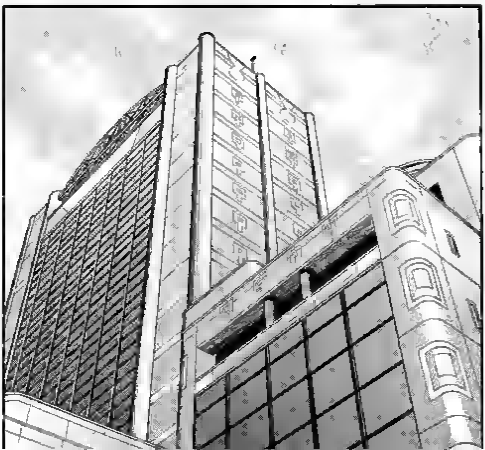

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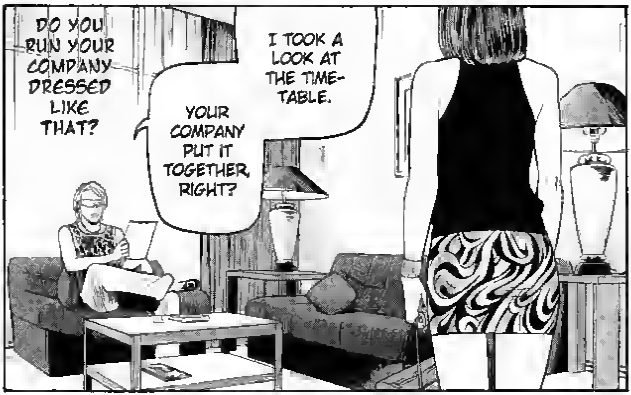
FROM METAL GLUE.


DO YOU RUN YOUR COMPANY DRESSED LIKE THAT?
I TOOK A LOOK AT THE TIME-TABLE.
YOUR COMPANY PUT IT TOGETHER, RIGHT?

A BIT... I'D LIKE TO REQUEST AN ALTERATION.
YES.
IS THERE SOME-THING WRONG ?
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ABOUT GRAN BLUE?
WHAT I'M MORE CON-CERNED ABOUT IS THE BAND
FROM A CAREER STAND-POINT,
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I THINK THEY ARE WELL SUITED FOR THE MAIN STAGE ON DAY 2, AT 2:00 PM.
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APPEARING ON THE SECOND STAGE IN THAT SAME TIMESLOT.

I'M SORRY, BUT THERE ARE A LOT OF RULES AND REGULATIONS THAT GOVERN HOW THE SCHEDULE IS PUT TOGETHER.

WE CAN'T AFFORD TO GIVE SPECIAL TREATMENT TO ANY ONE PARTICULAR BAND, ESPECIALLY AMONG A LINEUP LIKE THE ONE WE HAVE THIS YEAR...

THE FIRST DAY OF THE 4TH GREATFUL SOUND HAD TO BE CANCELLED DUE TO A FREAK STORM THAT PASSED THROUGH THE AREA.

I SEEM TO RECALL METAL GLUE BEING ON THE VERGE OF BANKRUPTCY AFTER THAT HAPPENED.

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YOU WERE ABLE TO GET BACK ON YOUR FEET THANKS TO THE MANY SPONSORS I ATTRACTED WHEN I BECAME THE PRODUCER.
AFTERWARD, IT ENDED UP BECOMING A SUCCESSFUL AND PROFITABLE EVENT, FROM A BUSINESS STANDPOINT.
AND IN EXCHANGE FOR THIS "SUCCESS,"
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IT BECAME COMPLETELY UNLIKE THE ENGLISH MUSIC FESTIVAL MY SISTER DREAMED OF REPRODUCING.
YOU'RE FREE TO HOLD YOUR OWN LOFTY IDEALS.

BUT IN REAL LIFE...
THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS TO MAKE MORE MONEY THAN ANYONE ELSE.
BUT RAN-SAN, WHY WOULD A FAMOUS J-POP PRODUCER WHO MAKES ONE BILLION YEN A YEAR
CARE SO MUCH ABOUT A NO-NAME UNDER-GROUND ROCK BAND?
YES. THAT'S VERY IMPOR-TANT.
MAY I SMOKE, AS WELL ?
GO AHEAD.
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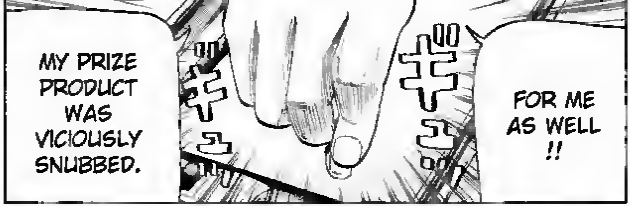
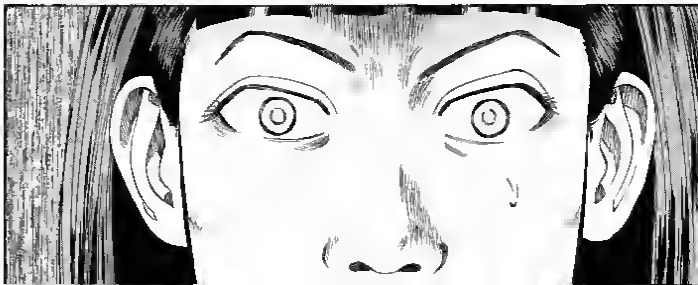
YOU WOULDN'T POSSIBLY BE THINKING OF WHAT HAPPENED
IN GREATFUL SOUND 5, WOULD YOU ?
WHEN BELLE AME ON THE FIRST STAGE...
PER-SON-ALLY,
IT WAS A VERY MEMORABLE NIGHT FOR ME.
HAD FEWER PEOPLE WATCHING THAN BECK, ON THE THIRD STAGE.


MY PRIZE PRODUCT WAS VICIOUSLY SNUBBED.
FOR ME AS WELL !!

STRIKE BECK FROM THE LINEUP!
AT ANY RATE, I WILL APPRECIATE NO MORE OF THESE STUPID "LEGENDS" AT MY EVENTS!



I'M IN A HURRY.
I HAVE A DINNER TO GO TO WITH PRESIDENT KURATA.
W-WAIT A MINUTE.
AS A MUSIC PRODUCER, I AM GOING TO HAVE MY DEMANDS MET, BY FORCE IF NEED BE!
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WHAT? DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE SAYING?
THAT'S MY QUESTION TO YOU!
DO YOU REALLY KNOW WHAT IT IS YOU'RE DOING?
I'LL GO.
I NEED TO TALK WITH KURATA MYSELF!
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1. NISSAN DATSUNS
2. THE ROSE VOLTA
3. BECK
4. MANDO BIANCO
5. THE STROBES
OPEN 6:00 START 6:30
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OH GOOD, THEY'RE STILL PLAYING.
SO SUMMER VACATION STARTED YESTER-DAY.
AND I HATE TO HAVE TO POINT THIS OUT, BUT JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE NOT IN SCHOOL DOESN'T MEAN YOU SHOULD BE A FOOL. SO STAY CLEAN, KIDS!
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AH!
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IS THAT REALLY THE SAME SG...
I FOUND THAT DAY?!

GET READY FOR A HEAPING HELPING OF...
"TABASCO" !!

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I CAN UNDER-STAND WHY RYUSUKE WANTED THE SG SOUND FOR THIS SONG.
IT'S A PERFECT MATCH !!
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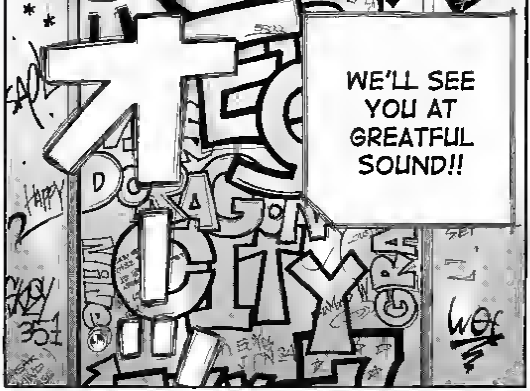
THE OLD SG CRUNCH SOUND HAS THAT GREAT MIDRANGE QUIRKINESS.
IT'S WICKED TO THE CORE!
I sure helped them a lot

I KNEW THAT FEELING I GOT
WASN'T WRONG ...
THAT THIS GUITAR WOULD BECOME SUCH A POWERFUL WEAPON !!
I-I SHOULD HAVE KEPT IT !!
IT'S GOT THAT PERFECT SOUND TO MESH WITH VOCALS... A GREAT CHOICE FOR ANY GUITARIST WHO SINGS AS WELL!
HELL YEAH
AND WHEN YOU'VE GOT A RHYTHM SECTION AS TIGHT AS SAKU AND TAIRA, IT ADDS AMAZING DEPTH TO THE MUSIC!


WE'LL SEE YOU AT GREATFUL SOUND!!
THANK YOU AND GOOD-NIGHT!!

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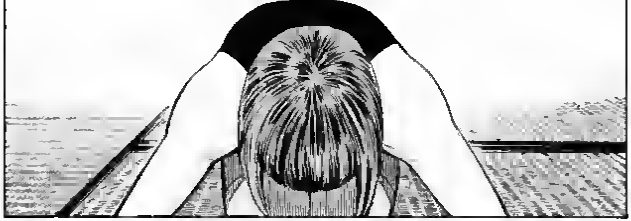

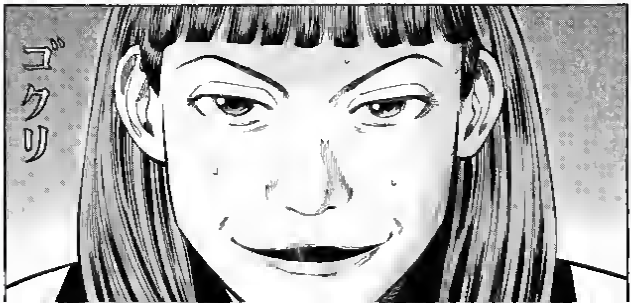
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OOOH...
NOT BAD. I THINK THEY'LL SELL WELL AT GREATFUL SOUND.
HOW ARE THE NEW SHIRTS?
I HAVE TO LEAVE NOW.
JUST FOOT THE BILL FOR OUR AFTER-SHOW PARTY TONIGHT.
NO NO, NO NEED TO PAY.
SATOU-SAN SAID SHE WAS GOING TO COME WATCH US, BUT SHE DIDN'T...

FOUND YOU!
IT'S STILL RAIN-ING ...
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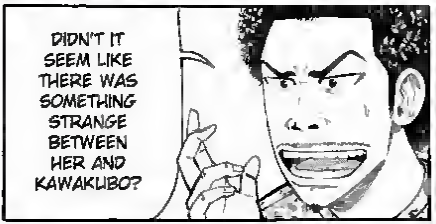
DIDN'T IT SEEM LIKE THERE WAS SOMETHING STRANGE BETWEEN HER AND KAWAKUBO?

LIKE MAYBE...

DAMN, I DON'T WANNA SEE THEM HAVING A MUTUAL MID-LIFE CRISIS!
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THEY'RE OFF MAKIN' OUT OR SOME-THING!

AH.
SATOU-SAN JUST TOLD ME SOME-THING
THAT IS VERY IMPORTANT FOR YOU BOYS TO HEAR.
IT'S PATHETIC. I WAS SCARED OUT OF MY SKIN.
NOW I CAN SEE WHY PEOPLE CALL HIM THE DON OF JAPANESE SHOW-BUSINESS ...
HE COMPLETELY REJECTED MY REQUESTS.

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T-THEY CAN'T JUST...
I MEAN, IT WAS ALREADY ESTABLISHED... HOW CAN THEY JUST STRIKE US OFF THE...
WHEN THE TIME COMES, THERE WILL BE AN OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF YOUR BAND BEING "IN POOR HEALTH."
TH...
THEY CAN'T JUST CANCEL US OUT OF THE FESTIVAL LIKE THAT !!
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WE'RE AT THE BOTTOM OF THE HEAP...
WE JUST GOT OUR BIG CHANCE ...

SORRY.
……
ストン
I KNOW I'VE CAUSED YOU A LOT OF TROUBLE.
I COULDN'T KEEP MY PROMISES.
THERE'S NOTHING ANYONE CAN DO ABOUT THIS NOW.
IS THIS REALLY HAPPENING?!
SOMETHING IS SERIOUSLY WRONG WITH THE WORLD!!
LIM, SATOU-SAN

FOR ALL THE EFFORT YOU'VE PUT IN, TRYING TO HELP US OUT.
THANK YOU.
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, YOU SILLY BOY?
I JUST CAME TO GIVE YOU AN UPDATE ON THE SITUATION.
HUH ?
RIGHT, RYUSUKE-KUN?
WE STILL HAVE ONE MORE CARD UP OUR SLEEVES.

THE EFFECTS OF EDDIE LEE'S WORDS ARE IMMENSE!
GREATFUL SOUND 7'S CURRENT EXPLOSIVE TICKET SALES ARE BECAUSE OF THE DYING BREED'S PRESENCE.

Music
maxell
LIBERATE
BEST
YOUR
MONEY

So that's the story...
Isn't that completely insane?
Anyways, this Kazuo Satou woman wants to talk with you.
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You aren't really gonna go to the trouble of helping this band Beck get on Greatful Sound or whatever, are you?
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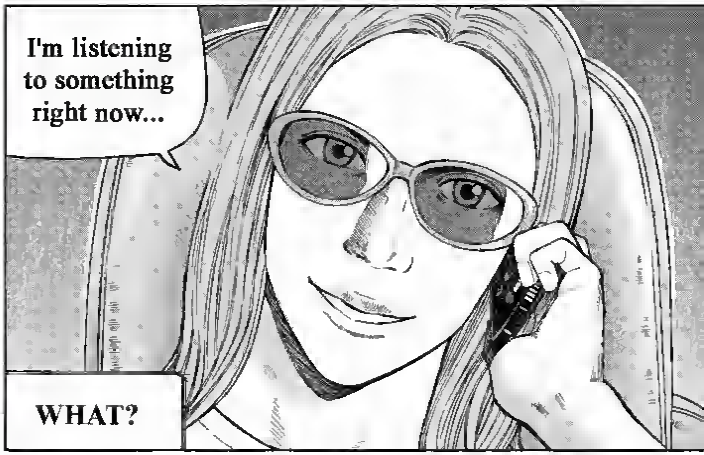
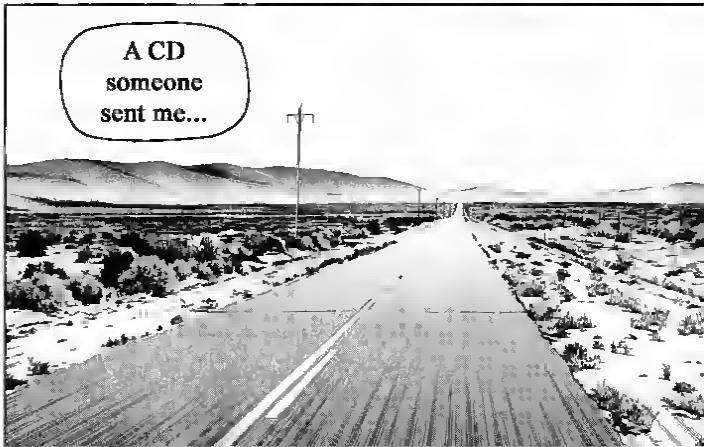
What's it gonna be, Eddie?

Tommy...


I'm listening to something right now...
WHAT?


A CD someone sent me...

Beeeeeeep
Out of batteries.
Where are you right now, Eddie?
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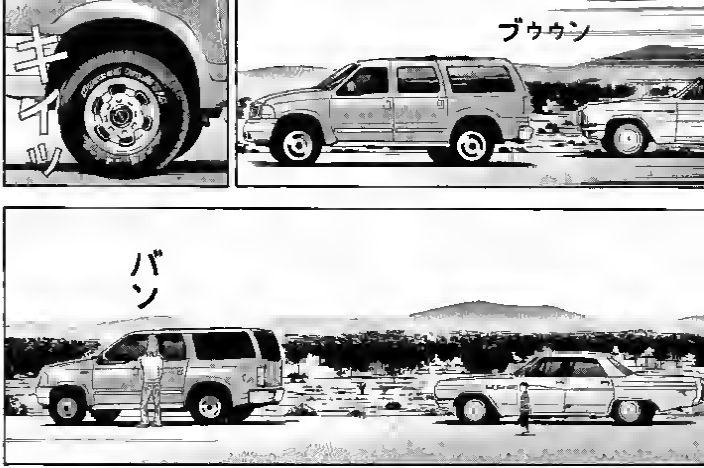
Nice song ...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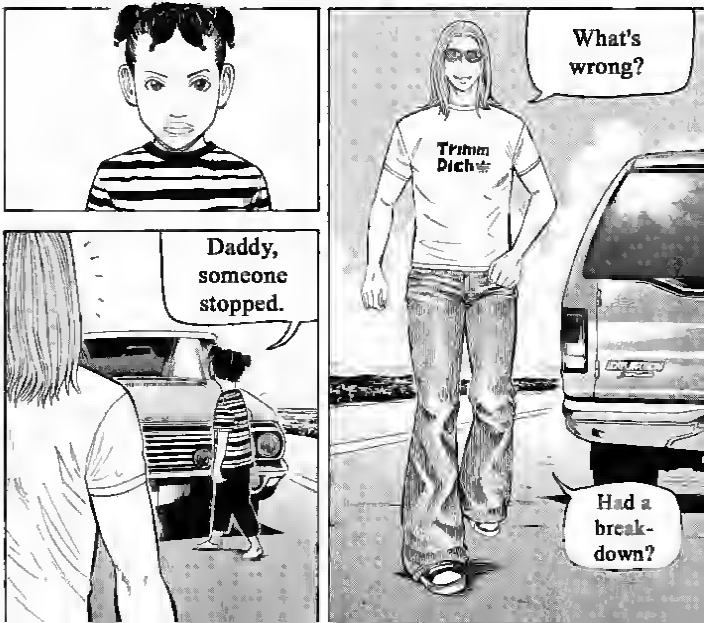
Daddy, someone stopped.
What's wrong?
Trimm Dich
Had a break-down?

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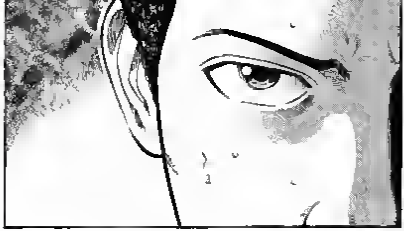
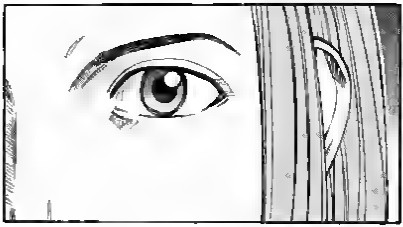
Hi...
Can I do anything to help?





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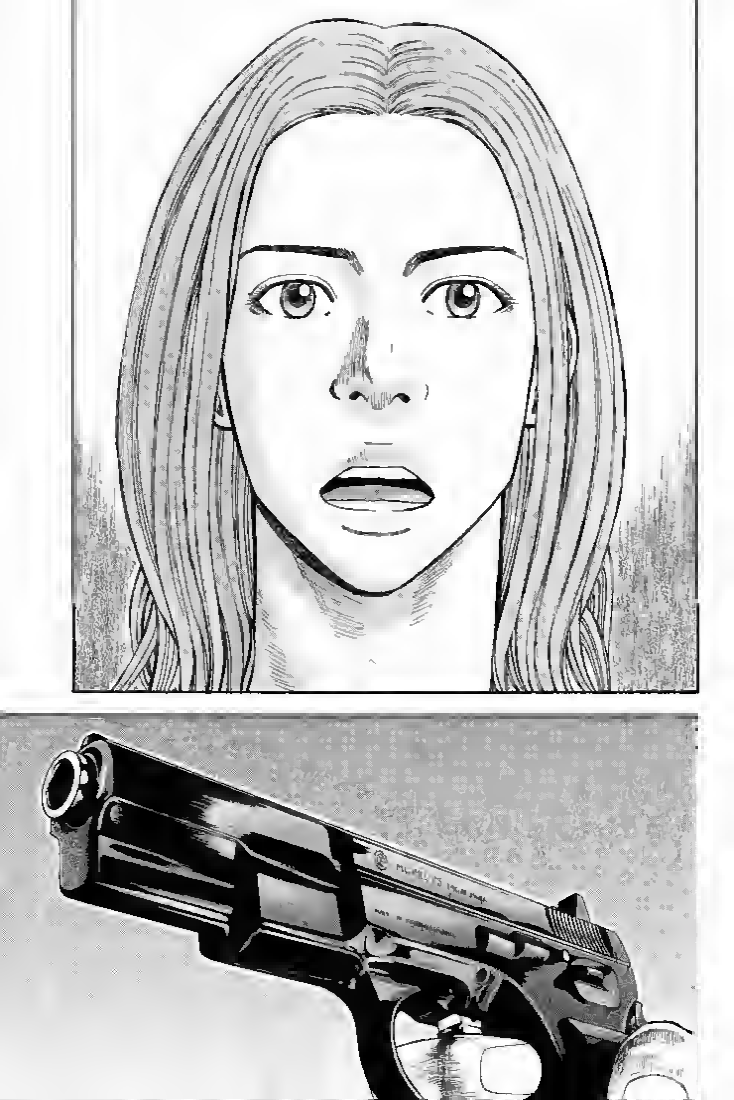

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